

# Permian Historical News

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General Douglas MacArthur wades ashore during initial landings at Leyte, P.I.” October, 1944.

Several presentations of this meeting portray events from World War II. The actual landing of Gen. MacArthur is an important happening in one of the presentations.

These stories are important to our population today as the old saying goes, “We must learn from our history so that it won’t be repeated.”

Our theme is WWII so you may wear your military gear, clothing from the 40s or even your coon skin cap.

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Dear Fellow Historians,

Here we are preparing for our next Permian Historical Society fall meeting and are issuing you a special invitation to prepare to attend.

The fall meetings are always held out in the area by invitation from the various towns. This should be an exciting field trip as we travel to Ozona. It is about 2-2 ½ hours away from most any spot in our membership’s area. They are planning a very exciting day for us with a catered meal, meeting on the square and an invitation to visit their museum right across the street. The meeting will be in the Crockett Room.

There will be five most interesting presenters with great stories to tell. There is a mystery from the Sheffield cemetery by Don Jackson; a story with letters from a WWII soldier in the Philippines by Suzanne O’Bryan; Betty Hargus will tell about Gibbs Field & the Winfield Hangar & WWII in Fort Stockton; Russell Smith has a story about “The Gun That Never Was;” and Patsy White, our hostess, will give a report on the history of Ozona and the Davy Crockett statue.

This year is a special anniversary of the New Deal and our stories were geared toward WWII. We had planned to have a story on the WASPs in WWII, but the presenters had to change plans, but will try to be with us in the spring. I guess our dress theme could still be the WWII era and we can dress accordingly. Davy Crockett was a little before that, but was still a fighter for his country and I do have a coon skin cap...

Do plan to attend, call some of the older members that live in your town and offer them a ride. For those wanting to stay over before or after the meeting I have learned that there are six motels in Ozona, three are very new. Plan to visit the Sonora Caverns right down the road (I-10) or museums along the way such as Rankin, Crane, McCamey, Iraan and Big Lake if you travel that route. Make this a mini vacation and have fun.

The meal will be \$10. Pre-registration is encouraged. Send your name & money to Peggy Kelton, Box 901 McCamey, 79752 or e-mail name to [peggy\\_kelton@gmail.com](mailto:peggy_kelton@gmail.com) or phone (432) 652-8738.

See you in Ozona, Oct. 18, 2008 Peggy Kelton

Permian Historical Society Fall Program

Ozona Crockett Room

18 October 2008

Before General Meeting

9:30 A.M. **Registration**—Coffee and breakfast; Visiting; Viewing of displays. Buy books to benefit PHS.

**Board of directors meeting**

The terms of board members Rose Mary Rogers and Charlena Chandler expire in October so two new members will be elected.

**General Meeting 10:15 A.M.**

***History of Ozona and the Davy Crockett Statue*** .....Patsy White, Ozona  
Patsy is a member of PHS Board of Directors & our hostess

***Gibbs Field and the Windfield Hangar - World War II in Fort Stockton***.....Betty Hargus  
Betty is from Fort Stockton, a member of PHS, & County Historical Commission Chair

***“Who Was James W. Scott?” Solving a Mystery in the Sheffield Cemetery***.....Don Jackson  
Don Jackson lives in Sheffield, is a Constable and a former Game Warden. He is VP of the Cemetery Committee of Sheffield and an avid reader of Texas History.

***The Awful Truth, A Young Man’s WW II Letters From the Philipines.*** .....Suzanne O’Bryan  
A book review by author Suzanne O’Bryan of Sheffield who has authored three previous books. Born in a rural community, moved on to live in Austin, Australia, & San Francisco and is now back in her own rural community and writing.

***The Gun That Never Was*** .....Russell Smith.  
Book review by a former Chief of Police who trains Investigators. “This is the kind of story where legends are born.” Elmer Kelton. “A true study of modern crime fighting in an old west setting,” Ross McSwain.

**Remainder of the Meeting**

**Casting of ballots for Best Presentation Award that will be given at Spring 2009 meeting.....Donna Bell, chair**

Visiting and book shopping until the best lunch you ever had for \$10 is served at the Crockett Room.

**Best Presentation Award from the Spring 2008 meeting.....J. Tillapaugh**

**Other awards and prizes.....Peggy Kelton**

- Best Costume Award
- Door Prizes
- Oldest in attendance
- Youngest in attendance

The Permian Historical Annual 48 (2008) will be distributed today, pick your up if your dues are up to date. *The Permian Historical Society* is issuing a call for papers for Annual 49: Previously unpublished materials, documented articles, reminiscences, interviews, photographic essays, and book reviews. Please submit your work to Peggy Kelton, Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 or J Tillapaugh @ UTPB or Betty Cash, Box 1088, Iraan, TX 79744.

*The Permian Historical Society* is also issuing a call for presentations. Submit requests to above members.



Permian Historical Society—Spring Meeting — 26 April 2008

The spring meeting of the Permian Historical Society was held April 26, 2008 at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Chaparral Gallery in Midland, Texas.

Registration began at 9:00 a.m. Coffee, juice and breakfast goodies were available for the attendees to enjoy while they visited prior to the meeting.

President Peggy Kelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and said that she was glad to see so many aprons and bonnets. She asked the members to let the society know of any address changes and if those who have email did not get their newsletter. She asked those who would like to join PHS to fill out the membership card in their packet and turn it in.

Julia Cauble Smith, chairman of the nomination committee, announced that the current officers had all agreed to serve again. They are:

Peggy Kelton — President  
Betty Cash — VP Program  
James Collett — VP Membership  
Sue Ann Damron — Secretary  
Sherry Phillips — Treasurer  
J. Tillapaugh — Investments

There being no nominations from the floor, Frances Stewart moved that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. Doug Damron seconded the motion, which passed.

Charlena Chandler announced that there were books available to be reviewed for the annual. If anyone was interested, the reviews were due by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Patsy White invited the attendees to Ozona on October 18<sup>th</sup> for PHS' fall meeting.

Jean Reid moved that the minutes of the October 2007 meeting be approved as printed in the program.

Genny Townsend seconded the motion, which passed. Miss Kellsey Drgac entertained the gathering with her reading of the very appropriate poem, "Grandma's Apron."

Those who had dressed in bonnets and/or aprons came to the front and were voted on for best female and best male participant. Jean Reid won The Apron Book, and Jim Stewart won a white apron with PHS on the pocket.

Program VP Betty Cash then introduced an interesting collection of papers that were presented to everyone's enjoyment. They included *The Settlement and Taming of the Big Bend Area of Texas* by Travis Roberts; *Life in Crane, Texas: A Reminiscence* by Sue Christon; *The New Deal in the Permian Basin* by Dr. J. Tillapaugh; *The West Texas Oil Industry and the Effects of World War II* by Cade Allen; and *The Wink Sink* by Dr. Robert Trentham.

After a wonderful lunch catered by the Bakers of Stanton, it was time for awards and prizes.

President Peggy Kelton presented a framed certificate and a lily for the garden to Julia Cauble Smith for her much appreciated labors producing our bulletins and programs over the past several years. The Best Presentation Award for the 2007 fall meeting was given to Steve Shaw for his Power Point presentation entitled *Geology, History, and Water Resources in the Concho River Basin and Edwards Plateau*. After the numerous door prizes were distributed to those holding the winning tickets, President Peggy Kelton thanked everyone for making this such a well attended meeting and said that she hoped to see them at the fall meeting in Ozona.

Peggy Kelton: President

Sue Ann Damron: Secretary

